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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to recognize J.H. Muse on the occasion of his retirement from Farmers State Bank.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with the utmost integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, J.H. Muse is one such person who, throughout his professional career, has demonstrated the greatest commitment and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muse has meritoriously served Farmers State Bank in a variety of capacities for sixty-two years, and will be retiring from the position of CEO; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from High School in 1940, he began his admirable career with Farmers State Bank as a bookkeeper; having progressed through positions of increasing responsibility, he has served in every position with the Bank during his sixty-two years of distinguished service; and

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WHEREAS, J.H. Muse accepted the positions of CEO and President in 1976; retiring as President in 1997, he is the only person in Farmers State Bank's history to have simultaneously served in the positions of President, CEO, and Chairman; and

WHEREAS, during his sixty-two years of exemplary service with Farmers State Bank, Mr. Muse has been an instrumental part of the bank's extraordinary growth from five employees to thirty-eight, with an increase in assets from less than \$1 million to more than \$110 million today; and

WHEREAS, as its CEO, he has led Farmers State Bank to unparalleled levels of excellence; guiding Farmers State Bank into the twenty-first century, he has played a pivotal role in the bank's adoption of the latest technological advances in bookkeeping systems, as well as many other beneficial programs; and

WHEREAS, J.H. Muse has never lost sight of the bank's most important asset, its customers; throughout his career, he has remained committed to maintaining the trust of the good people of Johnson County; many families in the area have been conducting business with Farmers State Bank for several generations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muse exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, after taking his much-deserved retirement, he plans to travel with his beloved wife, Trula; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, J.H. Muse's imprint on Farmers State Bank and Johnson County will remain; through his meritorious service as CEO of Farmers State Bank, he leaves behind an indelible legacy of astute and innovative leadership and the foundation for future growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Muse has performed his work with unparalleled devotion, ability, and enthusiasm, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor J.H. Muse for his meritorious service as CEO of Farmers State Bank, commend his sixty-two years of professional excellence, and applaud his commitment to his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to Mr. Muse our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.